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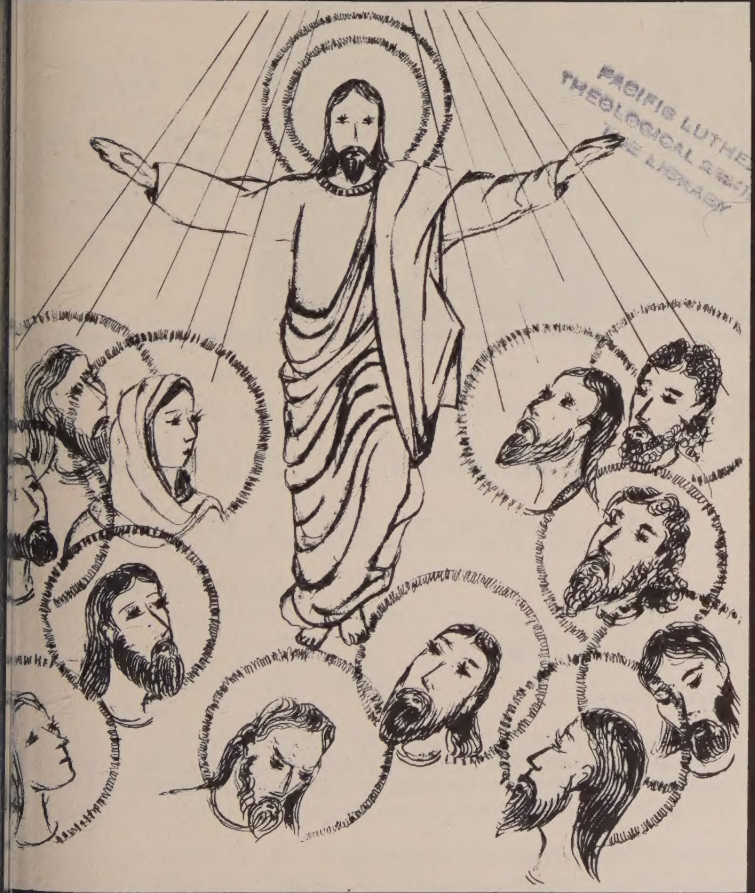

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The Picture Of The Month

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WELCOMES JACOBITE PATRIARCH. Pa... Ignatius Jacob III of Homs, Syria, head of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch (Jacobit... shown below, being welcomed by Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, National Council of Churches' ... dent. Visiting the U.S. for the first time, the patriarch expressed interest in membershi... his Church in both th... ional and World Cou... Churches.

This Church is not th... as the Syrian Antioch... Orthodox Church, wh... under Patriarch Thed... of Damascus; this lat... is a member of the f... Greek Orthodox Chur...

The 'Jacobite' Churc... following of some 1,5... it is located principa... Malabar, Southern In...

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH

FOREIGN

CENTURY ALTAR STONE UNEARTHED. An altar stone, dating from the 4th century, unearthed during the renovation of the 12th century Roman Catholic Church of St. Laurence, ne town of Imst, near Innsbruck, Austria.

erts said that the rectangular stone, which has quadratic designs in each corner and bears ngraved monogram of Christ, once served as the foundation of a table altar in an ancient den church.

discovery will be placed in a niche of the present church of St. Laurence, which replaced early wooden edifice in the 12th century.

The early Christian Church used a type of Table Altar, which stood in the midst of the Altar space, and was shaped much like a cube. This was taken from ancient Biblical tradition, given in the Torah. Roman Catholicism broke away from ancient tradition and developed their own peculiar traditions; one of which was to use an altar built against the East wall of the Altar space, instead of in the middle. - ED.

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TIC JURISDICTIONS DISPUTE CONTROL OF MONASTERY IN JERUSALEM. erious conflict' was reported between adherents of the Coptic Churches in Ethiopia and pt over property rights involving the ancient Monastery of the Copts in the Old City of salem.

monastery is in the area in which the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, one of Christendom's nes, is located; it is sometimes called the Monastery of Deir es-Sultan (Monastery of the an).

cials of the Jordan government have been forced to appear on the scene to arbitrate the ute.

The Ethiopian Church was recently given freedom and full autonomy from the Egyptian Patriarchate; this took place in 1959 when Archbishop Basilios, primate of the Ethiopian group, was given the title and dignity of Patriarch. - ED.

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USHCHEV DELIVERS 'THEOLOGICAL' COMMENT ON U-2 PLANE INCIDENT. sian Premier Nikita Khrushchev used the incident of the downed U-2 American plane to er a pungent 'theological' comment against the Western World.

re cheering Deputies of the Supreme Soviet, the Russian Premier said that the West is ainly not practicing Christianity: 'As one reads numerous comments and statements by ign diplomats and journalists about this incident, one cannot help but wonder what kind of ality these men are guided by. They count themselves as Christians and believers. They, evers, accuse us of atheism. If such people really believe in God, they would be afraid of

hell, where they would inevitably end, because, according to their teachings, they will hav boil in tar eternally for their foul deeds against peace and mankind. No, it is not Christia ethics that these people preach. They preach the ethics of the bourgeois world which know nothing sacred.' The Premier also described the downed pilot as 'making low bows as the do in churches, and yet they call us godless atheists'.

- Speaking from American pulpits, an Episcopal bishop - a Presbyterian minister - an Baptist pastor issued sharp criticism of the espionage incident. Said Bishop Lane W ham Barton of Oregon: 'The Lord have mercy on the persons responsible, if we had r business being over there. Certainly if Russia had a plane over this country, we woul have an awful fuss.' In Lakewood Presbyterian Church, Rev. L.Wilson Kilgore said: 'Who goofed on this one, to allow it to happen so close to the meeting of the summit'? Dr.Orlando L.Tibbetts of Lakewood Baptist Church said the incident was an 'internat blunder which jeopardized the peace...' - ED.

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SERBIAN PRIEST DECLARES SOVIET IS SHIFTING POLICY TOWARD CHUR Speaking before a combined service of members of the Anglican and Free Churches, High Wycombe, England, a Serbian Orthodox priest, Father Vladimir Rodzianko, said a new So attitude has manifested itself recently, in its relations with the Russian Church.

According to Father Rodzianko, a speech, delivered by Patriarch Alexei of Moscow befor Soviet National Disarmament Conference in the Kremlin, gave welcome to Russia's propo for a general and complete disarmament, which, said the Patriarch, 'expressed the Chris conviction of the concept of universal peace'.

This, said Father Vladimir, 'turns a new page in the history of the Russian Church and i of the Soviet State', because 'The very fact that the speech was heard by the cream of So society, was not reported by the secular press, yet appeared later in the Church press is nificant in itself'. The priest explained that the Patriarch's stand was in 'open ideologic opposition' to Kremlin policy.

- In Belgrade, Svetislav Stefanovic, Yugoslav secretary of the interior, issued a decre banning the importation and distribution of a religious, historical book. The book in tion is entitled 'The History of the Serbian Orthodox Community in Trieste'(Italy). It published in Munich, Germany, and was written by Miodrag Purkovic. (*Apparently, the Yugoslav government still suppresses certain writings. - ED.)

- Alexander Yurievich Kaznacheyev, a young Russian embassy official, who recently defected to the West, told the U.S.Senate Internal Security subcommittee that a relig ious revival is going on among the Russian youth, because of disillusionment with th ideals of the Communist philosophy.He said that the Soviet particularly fears the Ba tists, Adventists and Jehovahs' Witnesses, because these sects appeal to the mind of Russian people in general. (*If this is true, and if the Serbian priest is correct that Soviet is 'easing-up' on the Russian Orthodox Church, the reason is patent. - ED)

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DOUBT CAST ON 'SODOM AND GOMORRAH RUINS'. Officials of Jordan's Antic Department expressed doubt that the ruins of the lost Biblical cities of Sodom and Gomo had really been found under the Dead Sea by Baptist missionary-explorer Dr.Ralph E.Ba Kansas City,Mo.

Dr.Baney, head of a four-man American team, had reported last month of the finding of merged levees and other remains of a civilization that was at least 4,000 years old. The nants were found at two sites, one in the Lisan Peninsula Bay and the other due west of northern point of the peninsula. Dr.Baney had stated that it was apparent that both sites been engulfed by the Sea, possibly following the collapse of a levee during an earthquake underwater, skin-diving team had located an eight foot dike, 15 feet wide, that extended

s due west from the tip of the Lisan Peninsula; the top of the submerged dike or levee is about four feet under the water.

acting director of the Jordan Antiquities Department said Dr. Baney 'did not present any erial or photographic proof to support his alleged Dead Sea discoveries'; in addition, he ted out that the expedition could not use their photographic equipment underwater, due to nability 'to penetrate thru the high density of the Dead Sea'.

Dr.William F.Albright, famed archaeologist and Bible scholar of Johns Hopkins University's Orinetal Seminary, commented on the discoveries by saying that they were 'important',but to 'forget Sodom and Gomorrah'.

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NNED ISRAELI STAMP, SHOWING CROSS, IS WITHDRAWN. Bowing to the pleas of sh religious leaders, Premier David Ben Gurion withdrew a planned Israeli stamp, which ved a cross atop a Nazareth church steeple. The government will prepare a new design, us the cross.

mier Ben Gurion, acting in his capacity as Post Minister, intervened after the stamp was y for printing. Photos of the original design appeared in newspapers and drew a flood of erse comment from a number of high officials, including Rabbi Toledano, Israel Minister of gious Affairs.

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JILLO TO LIFT BAN ON 'JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES'. Generalissimo Rafael B. illo announced that his government has sent to parliament the draft of a constitutional ndment that would lift a legal ban against the Jehovah's Witnesses sect in the Dominican ublic.

proposed amendment, he said, would also give Communists full protection under the law political party. The purpose of the measure being to extend to all citizens 'the freedom ofess the political and religious ideologies they prefer, without any limitations or restric-s.'

dictator said he could not overlook the fact that the activities of Communists and Jehovah's esses 'disturb social order', but, he added, 'within the democratic process.....there is no n for restrictions to the exercise of democracy for all'.

Previously, all activities of the Witnesses were banned under a law enacted in July,1957. This law carried penalties of from one to three months and fines up to $100. - ED.

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ESTS' BOOK ON POLITICAL IMMORALITY IN QUEBEC IS 'BEST-SELLER'. controversial book, 'The Christian and Elections', written by two Roman Catholic priests, over 14,000 copies within a few days of its release and is soaring to the peak of the best-er lists, as Quebec approaches provincial election time.

ing exclusively with the problem of political immorality in the Quebec Province, the 123 volume was written by Abbes Gerard Dion and Louis O'Neill. Both abbes had previously uced a pamphlet, 'Le Manifeste', a few years ago, in which elections frauds - use of the arthy-like 'red smear' - and the 'harnessing' and rigging of religion for campaign purposes - all been roundly condemned.

is latest book, however, the two priests stated that certain of the 'clergy' had given them-es over to one political party in return for monies for their respective purposes. These, the abbes called: 'political pawns'. Coming to the defense of the 'clergy', Bishop Paul Bernier aspe charged that the two abbes had 'sinned gravely'. (*Archbishop Maurice Roy of Quebec, ever, is believed to have approved of the abbes' work.)

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BEN-GURION HAS POLITICAL CRISIS OVER HIS 'QUESTIONING OF SCRIPTU
In a 'battle over the Bible', Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion was sustained in power wh
members of the Knesset(Parliament) defeated by 61 to 6 a no-confidence vote introduced
the Agudath (Orthodox) Israel Party because he questioned the Scriptures' accuracy regar
the Hebrew Exodus from Egypt 3,000 years ago.

The Premier voiced the theory that only 600 Jews left Egypt, instead of the 600,000 that th
Scripture says; for this, the Orthodox Party said he had forfeited his right to lead Israel
and should be considered a 'heretic'.

Chief Rabbi I.J. Unterman of Tel Aviv said that more than two million persons were led fr
Egypt by Moses. Mr. Ben-Gurion said that only 70 males went down to Egypt and that the
Bible lists all male descendants of Levi, up to the generation of the Exodus; he pointed o
that 25 males were born to the tribe of Levi, in Egypt. By doubling this figure, to account
females, and multiplying by twelve(the number of the tribes), one gets a total of 600. He a
said that the topography of Israel would prohibit such a massive number as 600,000 to mo
thru the desert regions

- Numbers 1:46 gives the total migrants as 'six hundred thousand and three thousand an
five hundred and fifty'. - ED.

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ARCHIMANDRITE CONFERS WITH CHIEF RABBI OF ISRAEL. Russian Orthodo
Archimandrite Augustin, head of the Russian Orthodox Mission in Israel, visited Dr.Yitzh
Nissim, Chief Rabbi of Israel, in Jerusalem, for a 'lengthy discussion' of religious matter
The meeting marked the first time that the Orthodox leader had called on the Chief Rabbi
since he came to Israel from Russia last November.

Official details of the conference were not disclosed, but it was understood that Rabbi Nis
was especially concerned over the Jewish religious situation in the Soviet and had so expr
himself during the session.

The archimandrite was accompanied by Archimandrite Nicodim and Deacon Dmitri. Dr.C
Wardi, Israeli religious adviser on Christian affairs, was also present.

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'THE ATHEIST'S COMPANION' BELITTLES RUSSIAN CHURCH. Lengthy reviews
were broadcast over Moscow Radio of a handbook entitled 'The Atheist's Companion', pub
by the USSR state publishing house, which belittles the role of the Russian Orthodox Chur
World War II.

The handbook was published for atheist lecturers, propagandists and organizers of anti-r
campaigns in Russia. It furnishes arguments that can be used against religion, but does g
lengthy review of the Orthodox Church's part in the last war, acknowledging its 'patriotic
ities.

Stressing: 'The Soviet people were victorious not because, in the days of war, prayers w
offered in churches for the victory of Russian arms, but because they displayed mass he
.....one should not overestimate the significance of this(the Church's) patriotic activity,
was not decisively a contribution to the defeat of the Germans as some churchmen try to
out in their present sermons'. The handbook also had a significant charge that: 'Russia
Orthodox clergymen collaborated with Germans'.***

- ***Several authors have made mention of the fact that a certain group of so-called
'emigre' or 'exiled' Russian Orthodox clergy collaborated with Hitler and the Nazi
armed forces. - ED.

EK ORTHODOX HIERARCHY ELECTS NEW METROPOLITANS. Eight new bishops e elcted to fill vacant Metropolitan Sees at a special Assembly of the Greek Orthodox rch, Athens, Greece. This marked the first time that bishops of the Church were chosen he entire hierarchy, instead of by the 13-member Holy Synod.

newly elected are: Archimandrite Damaskinos Papachristou, Metropolitan of Fthistis; himandrite Chrysostom Papaegnatiou, Metropolitan of Grevena; Archimandrite Iakovos zas, Metropolitan of Larissa; Archimandrite Synesios Visvinis, Metropolitan of Kassan- ; Archimandrite Stefanos Matakoulias, Metropolitan of Triphylea and Olympea; Archiman- e Epifanios Kalaphatis, Metropolitan of Paraonaxia; Archimandrite Paul Sophos, Metropol- of Ierissos and Haghion Cros; and Archimandrite Pandeleimon Mertiris, Metropolitan of nos.

bishop Theoklitos of Athens and All Greece presided over the Assembly, which was attend- y 54 bishops. The scheduled discussion of a government bill amending the Church's consti- n was postponed until the General Assembly in October.

bishop Theoklitos of Athens and All Greece will consecrate these eight,newly-elected, copal candidates in rotation; he will consecrate one bishop every other day in the Athens edral, being assisted therein by six members of the Holy Synod.

A rather interesting development on 'missions' in Greek Orthodoxy was announced also. A committee of three Metropolitans (Salonica, Demetrias, Sparta) was designated to organize aid to missionary churches abroad. The action was a result of the inspiring visit of Archimandrite Reuben Mukasa Sparta, of Uganda, to Athens last year. During his visit, he conferred extensively with leaders of both Church and State to obtain help in for his growing mission to the Africans. As aresult, Queen Frederika offered four scholarships in Greece for Uganda students to the priesthood. Another scholarship was given, by the Greek Red Cross, for nurses training; and eight others came from the University of Salonika, the Mayor of Salonika, the governing synod of the monks on Mt. Athos. Father Sparta is also the adviser to the Kabaka of Buganda and represents him in the legislative Assembly. - ED.

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AN CATHOLIC BREVIARY UNDER 'REFORMATION'. Unofficial, but reliable, ces from the Vatican indicate that the present, four-volume breviary is to be re-issued new and shortened form. In addition, the time required for recitation of the new breviary ing cut down to 30 minutes, from the present 45-60 minutes daily.

shortened form is a concession to the 400,000 Roman priests around the world. Under ent law, the priest must say the daily office without fail. This 'shortening' of the obligatory ers marks the fourth time in eight centuries that Rome has done this.

The recitation of the breviary must be oral, or at least accompanied by the movement of the lips; this is because it is the one great public prayer of the Roman Church. The Brev- ary consists of the Book of Psalms, plus hymns, readings from almost all the Books of he Bible, brief lives of the saints, sermons by the Church Fathers, short prayers, and frequent repetitions of the Lord's Prayer. It is always read in Latin and has seven parts, one for each of seven different times of the day; in addition, the Office varies from day to day(e.g.-Sunday Office, weekday Office, Office of a Saint,etc.)

'At last, our prayers have been answered'

SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY SOUGHT OF SICILY. A voluntary social worker, who is fro northern Italy, has been conducting an examination into the underlying, root causes of Sic low social level. His findings have led him to declare that a scientific, social study is ess ial; especially if conducted by sociologists from the U.S.

Danilo Dolci, a writer in his mid-thirties, has spent eight years in social work in Sicily. 1958, he won a Lenin Peace Prize, for which he was widely criticized by certain factions Italy. As he says: I am neither a Communist, nor a Catholic, but have been accused of be guilty of dispensing Calvinist propaganda, whatever that means.

Listing a few of the island's faults as being: illiteracy, low productivity, and Mafia rule writer pointed out that over 500 Mafia killings have been recorded in the past decade and half, with two-thirds still unpunished.(Note: these killings were only in one small sector the island.-ED.)

Speaking on the reason why the island continues to remain in its undeveloped state, Mr.D itemized that the Roman Catholic clergy are primarily responsible; 'they regard develop as a sin and hamper progress by teaching that truth comes from another world', said he. Such a system is a spawning bed for age-old feudalism, which today is known as gangster or more malignantly as the Mafia.

- Senator Kefauver's hearings, along with many since, have shown how the Mafia is ve active in this hemisphere and controls the majority of all 'underworld' activities. Th Sicilians, who make up the core of the Mafia Society, are extremely clannish and ver difficult to penetrate by outside groups. This, of course, accounts for the slow growt society in Sicily proper, where individual initiative is suppressed by the 'overlords', 'dons', as they call themselves. Lacking in Christian conscience, altho practicing Ca olicism, these people have little regard for human life or suffering. The Church, far from condemning and excommunicating them, holds its peace and allows them to con tinue their evil ways, unchecked. One of the most sensational of the efforts of the M was the infamous Murder,Inc. - It is quite possible that a strong effort to open Sici up to the sunlight of modern, economic benefits might well destroy the spawning grou of the future criminals of the world. It is certainly well worth the effort on the part team of American sociologists, who merit the help of both government and private s in such an endeavor. - ED.

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AUTONOMY URGED FOR EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA. More 2500 Eastern Orthodox priests and lay leaders at a 'Manifestation of Orthodoxy' meeting Toronto, Canada, were urged to free themselves from administrative links with the old n Churches in Europe and Asia Minor and 'become wholly Canadian in outlook and ecclesia matters'.

The appeal came from Dr.S.W. Sawchuk, Ukrainian Orthodox priest of Winnipeg, Canada, was primarily addressed to the some 120,000 Orthodox in the Greater Toronto Metropoli area. Father Sawchuk said that, at present, each national group tended to keep separate f all other national bodies, and tended to hold links with the old mother Church in the 'old try'. This, he said, should be done away with and 'all Orthodox Churches in the country should consider themselves autonomous, territorial Churches without any outside ties'. accomplish this, he added, they must take the first step of establishing a seminary that c train clergy for all the language groups.

Among other speakers was Princess Ileana of Romania, who is the wife of a Newton,Mas physician.

- The Eastern Orthodox Council of Metropolitan Toronto, which sponsored the meetin was organized last January; its chairman is Archimandrite Gregory Abboud of St.G

Syrian Orthodox Church of Toronto.

There is no question that a combined and united Eastern Orthodox Church of Canada, functioning under native clergy and a native hierarch, would be a great step forward for Orthodoxy in the Western Hemisphere. - ED.

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DAN ACCUSED OF PERSECUTING ARMENIAN CHURCH. Hassan el Kalidi, Jordan's tary Governor of Jerusalem, was directly accused of having violated the walled Monastery .James, in Jerusalem, on March 25th, 1960. On that date, he is accused of sending a detach- t of armed soldiers and police into the Monastery to force the readmission of the defrocked ate, Bishop Yegishe Derderian, who had been expelled from that religious community three s ago. The charges were leveled by the 'Laymen's Committee to Defend the Armenian rch'.

incident, it was pointed out, was the first violation of the pledge given by Caliph Omar, essor to Mohammed, who declared in the 7th century that the Monastery, holy place of the enian Church should never be molested. The Monastery houses the Brotherhood of St.James, ligious confraternity that governs the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem.Its General mbly is the highest regulative authority in the Patriarchate.

present difficulty, it was explained by the 'Laymen's Committee', can be traced back to , when Bishop Derderian was made acting head of the Patriarchate, pending the election of ccessor to Patriarch Cyril Israelian, who had died in October of that same year. The con- tion stipulates that the 'locum tenens' must convene the General Assembly,within 40 days wing his temporary appointment, for the purpose of choosing a new patriarch; this,Bishop derian failed to do for some seven years. Finally, on Oct. 13, 1956, the General Assembly ached Bishop Derderian and deposed him as locum tenens. Five months later he was ex- d from the Brotherhood of St.James, as well. Archbishop Tiran Nersoyan, former head of rmenian Church in the U.S., was then elected as Patriarch of Jerusalem. He, however, was apped,during a religious procession in 1959, by Jordanian police and expelled from Jerusa- Presently he is in Istanbul as guest of the Armenian Church, there.

The 'Laymen's Committee to Defend the Armenian Church' is presently organizing a series of 'protest meetings' in various cities of the U.S. to attempt to arouse public senti- ment against the Arab State. - ED.

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HBISHOP IAKOVOS DECORATED BY KING PAUL. Archbishop Iakovos received, this month,in Athens, the Insignia of the Royal Order of the Phoenix from the hand of Paul. Interviewed, later in the day, the Archbishop told of the close ties that hold Greece America together.

ing a pilgrimage of some 450 Greek-Americans to the Ecumenical Patriarchate and to ce, the prelate said that, henceforth, Greek-Americans would be known as 'American enists'. He gave as the reason for this change, that the term more properly expressed ultural contribution that Greek migrants are giving to their adopted country.

Following his Athens visit, the Archbishop returned once more to Istanbul to confer with Patriarch Athenagoras, before leaving for New York, via Switzerland where he formerly was attached to the World Council of Churches as the representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. - ED.

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RIARCH ATHENAGORAS SAYS: ACCEPT UNITY OR FAIL. In a strongly worded rgent plea to the leaders of all Christendom, Patriarch Athenagoras of Istanbul, warned unless positive steps are taken to bring about 'unity' among the various factions, the mis-

sion of Christendom may well have come to an end.

Speaking on the occasion of St.Thomas Sunday, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Eastern Orthodoxy said that the 'unity', he was referring to, had two parts: i.disarming of sectarian hatred, mi and destructive propaganda between church bodies. ii.promoting interchange between Ch on such common principles of Christianity, as were possible, that could thereby be comm propagated. He called the two phases of this type of approach to 'unity' as the negative an positive, respectively. He emphasized that he in no way meant 'theological unity' or 'unio these were presently impossible.

The 72-year old Patriarch said: 'I have told the Pope that only in Paradise can one live al and....it is my impression that the Pope has abandoned the idea of holding a General Coun He explained that he had told the Pope that the Orthodox Church 'would not attend the Cou unless all the Churches are represented'.

As to the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church, he said: 'there have been notable signs the Vatican also is moving towards the idea of recognizing the existence of other Churche and the resignation of two conservative, isolationist cardinals proves my point'. He contin 'We are on the threshold of the Christian evolution. We live in a new age and the past mus swept away. The Catholic Church cannot keep to its ecclesiastical seclusion and must mo toward unity. We have a great Christian mission to fulfill. We must either do it in unity risk failure.'

- The Patriarch decorated, this month, with special commemorative medals, the Greek American pilgrims that arrived in Istanbul to participate in the dedication of the cor stone of the new Patriarchate headquarters building, among other things. Heading tha pilgrimage, of course, was Archbishop Iakovos of New York. - ED.

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JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT APPROVES ERECTION OF STATUE OF CHRIST. Proposed erection of a large statue of Christ,atop the Mount of Olives, has been approve by the Jordanian government.

The site, which is traditionally accepted as the area from which Christ's Ascension is sa to have taken place, overlooks Jerusalem and the Jericho Road.

Idea's initiator is American sculptor Avard Fairbanks, creator of public monuments a fountains in many U.S. cities. Mr. Fairbanks, born in Utah 63 years ago, is starting a fu to cover the costs of the project. He is on the faculty of the University of Utah at Salt Lak City.

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VATICAN SAYS: HIERARCHY HAS RIGHT TO GUIDE CATHOLICS IN POLIT Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, asserted this month that the Roman Catho hierarchy has the 'duty and right to guide, direct and correct' the faithful in the political field, just as it has in other aspects of life.

'It is absurd....if the Catholic religion were just one part of the life of the spirit and not central idea which orients a man's whole existence.....a Catholic can never prescind fro the teachings and directives of the Church. In every sector of his activities he must inspi his public and private conduct by the laws, orientations and instructions of the hierarchy' said the article, which was entitled 'Punti Fermi'(Firm Points).

The hierarchy 'alone has the right to judge whether in a certain social and political situa the higher principles of religious and moral order are involved and compromised', for 't Church which Jesus Christ founded as a perfect society with its hierarchy, has full power real jurisdiction over all the faithful....' continued the newspaper. Also, a strong conden tion was in the article regarding any and all attempts to restrict the Church to the'mere sphere' of the 'sacred ministry', thereby allowing the individual Catholic full freedom i

:il sphere'.

Senator Kennedy said, in answer to queries regarding the above article, that 'the American office holder is committed to an oath to God to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, which includes Article I, providing for separation of Church and State.'

Priest-mayor of Dijon, Canon Felix Kir, journeyed to Paris to pay a personal call on Premier Nikita Khrushchev at the Soviet Embassy; later, he was returned to the French Chamber of Deputies in the Soviet leader's car, which was flying the Russian flag.

Despite Roman Catholic claims that Protestants will not elect Roman Catholics to public office, two Roman priests were recently elected as mayors of predominantly Protestant cities in Wales, England. Father Eric Green was elected mayor of Haverfordwest; the second instance was the election of Father Stanley Vince as Mayor of Llandovery. (The only question that can be asked here is: 'Can a Protestant be elected as mayor of a city in Spain'? - ED.)

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THOLICS VOICE 'FEAR' OF BUDDHISM AS 'STATE RELIGION' IN BURMA.
man Catholic leaders in Rangoon, Burma, have expressed 'strong fears' that the proposed ablishment of Buddhism as the State Religion would cause serious discrimination to other hs.

i,the joint communique of Archbishops Bazin of Rangoon and J.J.U Win of Mandalay, - 'As resentatives of the Catholic Church, we feel that Buddhism sufficiently enjoys the position state religion....and further addition to its privileges and prerogatives might well be imental to the rights of those who, from conscience and conviction, do not profess that h.'

goon's leading English daily, 'The Nation', said 'it is evident that, regardless of any possobjections, by Moslems or Christians, the proposal (i.e.-of establishing Buddhism as the e Religion) will be presented before Parliament and passed into law, probably at its next sion'.

Burma has some 20 million people; about 2 million are Christian and Moslem. - ED.

It is interesting to note that Rome has always advocated the doctrine of a State Religion, along with the accompanying 'thought-control' apparatus that goes with such a combination.

Confucius say: 'When shoe is on other foot, it hurt'.

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no to all ticket offices, Jet Air Lines: -
'Give printed, denominational prayer cards to all First Class Ticket holders; Coach Air Tickets are not entitled to same'.

cond Class, and Coach, Ticket Holders must say Grace from memory)

RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES - - - By Scheel

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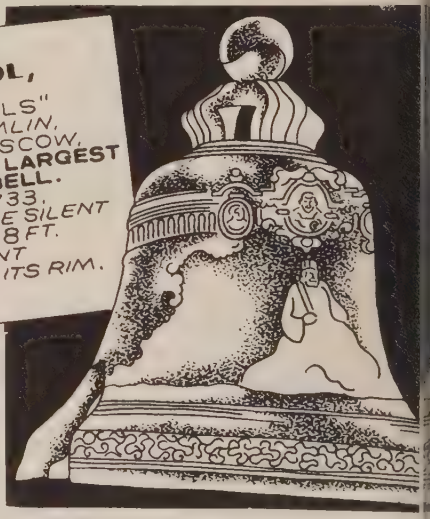
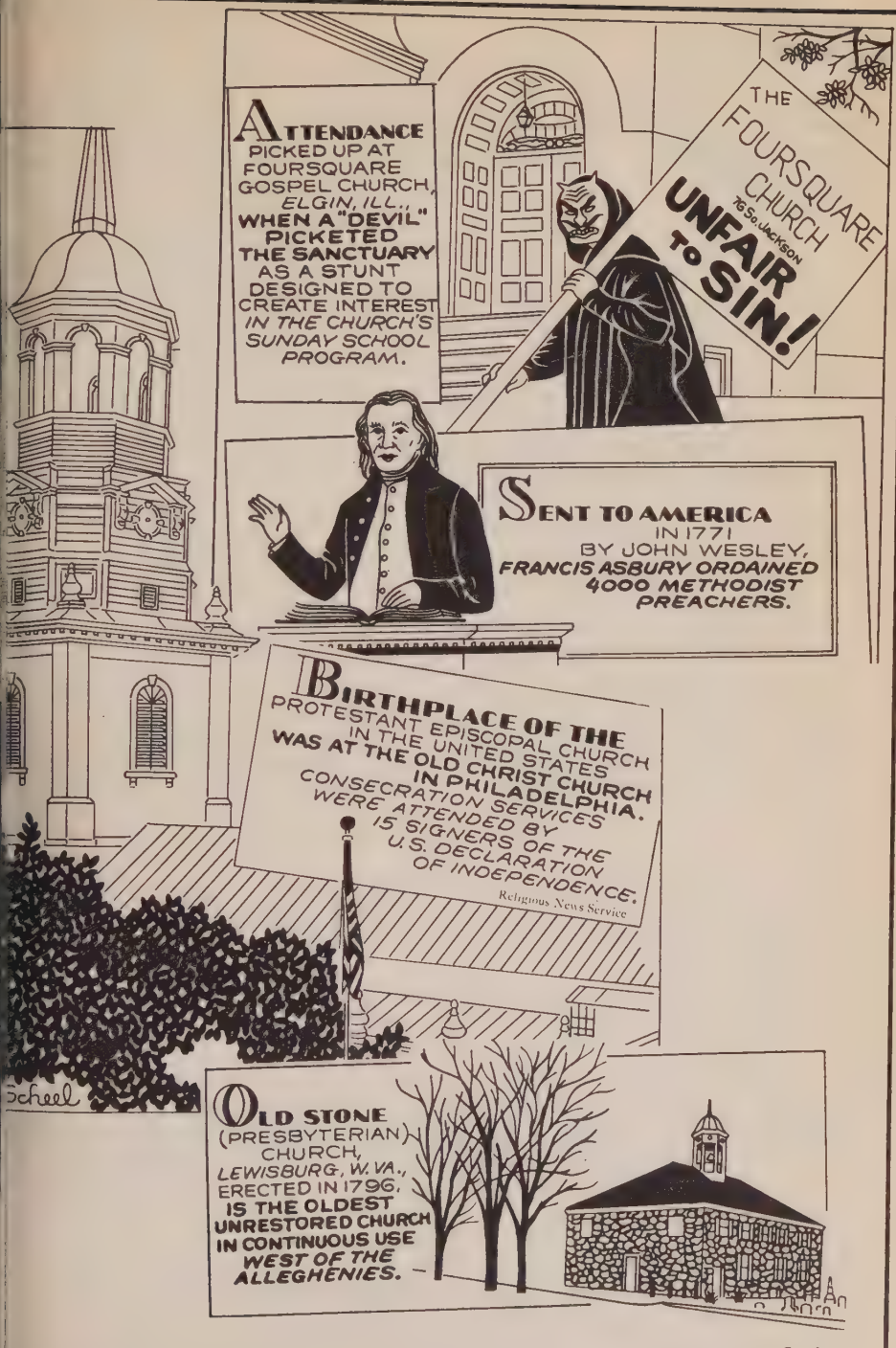
"THESAURUS PAUPERUM" BY POPE JOHN XXI (1276) WAS USED FOR CENTURIES AS AN INDISPENSABLE MEDICAL REFERENCE WORK.

THE ENTIRE TEXT OF JEREMIAH RICH'S MINIATURE BIBLE, PRINTED AT LONDON IN 1660, IS IN SHORTHAND.

TSAR KOLOKOL, 180-TON "KING OF BELLS" AT THE KREMLIN, MOSCOW, IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST CHURCH BELL. CAST IN 1733, IT SOON BECAME SILENT WHEN A 7X8 FT. FRAGMENT BROKE FROM ITS RIM.



METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D.C., HAS A MARBLE TILE IN THE CHANCEL THAT CAME FROM THE RUINS OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.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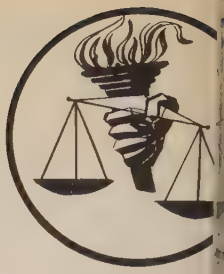

ANNUAL 'LAW DAY - USA' PROCLAIMED BY PRESIDENT. In an official proclamation, President Eisenhower designated May 1, 1960 as Law Day - USA. In his message he called on all Americans to observe the occasion as a sign of 'their devotion to the rule of law as a keystone of peace and order in our national and international life'.

Pointing out that the two basic aims of such an observance were to: i.Increase respect for Law ii.To aid Americans in rededicating themselves to freedom under justice, the President stated that rule of force and fear were common to totalitarian systems and that America should do everything possible to be an example of fairness and justice to all peoples.

Sponsored nationwide by the American Bar Association, numerous other national bodies also joined their support to the idea of a 'Law Day'. In an official 'Manual' issued for the occasion the American Bar Association proclaimed that the 'Manual contains (pages 10 to 14) statements by clergymen of each of the major faiths'.(Note: Protestant, Catholic and Jew were included. Eastern Orthodoxy, altho recognized nationally as a 'Major Faith' was excluded. - ED.)

- The 'Law Day Manual' is available(single copies) free from the American Bar Association, 1155 East 60th Street, Chicago 37, Illinois.

- Interestingly enough, no definition of 'justice' was given in the manual, altho the 'rights' of citizens were fully listed. Often 'justice' is dispensed according to 'legalities,' but rarely according to moral standards. The Bar Ass'n. indicates, for example, that the 'recognition' of its 'three major faiths' is according to what they consider 'legal recognition'; but they ignore the very standards they have set by rejecting Eastern Orthodoxy(200,000,000 people). ED.

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TWO 'C.O.'s' JAILED. Two conscientious objectors - one an Amish farmer and the other a Jehovah's Witness - were sentenced,by a Cleveland,O. Judge, to three years in prison for refusal to report for military service or accept substitute work in a hospital.

One of those convicted, Aden Miller, 24 year-old Amish, said: 'Who will take care of my farm, my wife and my cattle? Responded Judge Paul Jones: 'accept the government offer to permit you to work as a civilian in a hospital near your home as a substitute for military service.' Mr. Miller refused.

- More than two-thirds of all US conscientious objectors to military service come from Mennonite or Brethren churches, according to a report from the National Service Board for Religious Objectors. 85% of the registered C.O.'s were from Mennonite or Brethren bodies, 4% from the Quakers, 2% from Methodist bodies, 2% from all other groups.

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GREEK COURT ACQUITS BAPTIST CLERGYMAN. The Rev. Spiros Zodhiates of New York, general secretary of the American Mission to Greeks,Inc., was acquitted by a five member criminal court in Thessaloniki,Greece, of 'attempting to penetrate the conscience of Orthodox people and convert them into Protestantism'.

Almost simultaneously, Mr. Zodhiates, who is an ordained Baptist minister, was acquitted

Court of Canea, Crete, of unlawfully using the title of 'Reverend' before his name in arti- for Greek publications.

Thessaloniki court ruled that free distribution of Mr. Zodhiates' materials of propaganda not prosylytism. The Canea Court ruled that the title of 'Reverend' may be used by both odox and non-Orthodox clergy.

une 13, 1960, the Greek Supreme Court will hear an appeal of an earlier 45-day prison ence imposed on Mr. Zodhiates by the lower criminal court of Chalkis; this conviction was based on the use of the 'Reverend' title.

Mr. Zodhiates writes messages that appear in three-fourths of the newspapers of Greece. He obtains his chief financial support from the people of America. - ED.

A 'captive' membership does not make a free membership; nor does it make for the practice of true Christianity. ED.

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VELAND STREET PREACHING BAN RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL. Cleveland's ance, which banned street preaching, was ruled unconstitutional by a three judge Court of als.

uling was a victory for Fulton H. Baker, Baptist lay preacher, who had been arrested last st while preaching in front of the Terminal Tower on Cleveland's public square. The al Court said the ordinance, as written, gave dictatorial powers to the police; that, under rdinance, police could 'arrest two or more friends of relatives found conversing on the walk', if they chose to arrest them. That the law would allow 'two or more lawyers or doc- found on the sidewalk discussing their cases' to also be arrested. In addition, the Court the police could 'arrest either the leader of the groups, as was done in the case at the bar, hole group, or any portion of the group as suited their pleasure'.

n Baker, along with four other evangelists, had been preaching the Gospel when the police red them to move across the street. Mr. Baker refused, because their were more people s side of the street. Thereafter, the police exercised their 'Stalin-like' powers and put Baker in jail.

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RUMENTAL MUSIC 'OKAYED' FOR CHURCH USE. Installation of a piano in the ch of Christ, Slaters Branch, Ky., does not violate the denomination's religious beliefs, J.R. Moremen of the Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled in Frankfort, last month.

udge held that a prior decision of the Pike Circuit Court, which declared that it was nt that the Church had no fixed policy as to instrumental music and that a majority of the e favored its use, was proper.

Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise Him with the psaltery and harp; praise Him ith the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and organs; praise Him pon the loud cymbals; praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that ath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.' Ps. 150: 3-6.

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EME COURT TO REVIEW CONSTITUTIONALITY OF 'SUNDAY LAWS'. The Supreme Court has agreed to review the constitutionality of Sunday Laws in three States.

pants in Maryland, Mass., and Penna., who are appealing convictions, under State laws, ing business on Sunday, contend that these 'blue-laws' are a violation of their constitu- rights and therefore constitute an attempt to establish religion, which is contrary to the

First Amendment of the U.S.Constitution.

If the High Court agrees with this contention, all existing State and Municipal 'blue laws' w be wiped out in one stroke.(i.e.-insofar as they relate to Sunday restrictions.-ED). Natura if the Court rules against such contentions, such 'Blue-laws' will grow in number and sev until Americans are throttled by the whims of every small community in the country. Arg ments on the matter will not be held until next October. Until a decision is rendered, lowe court rulings hold validity.

- The interesting part of many of these 'blue-laws' is that merchants may sell 'liquor a tobacco', but diapers are forbidden. In addition, one cannot buy a light bulb for the ho but a shotgun,for killing ducks or game, is permitted to be sold; one cannot buy a car, a horse is allowed to be sold; lumber,to repair a sagging foundation, cannot be sold, b auto accessories are available. - ED.

- Jews, Seventh Day Adventists, and others who observe a day other than Sunday, are th forced to obey the religious decrees of others. - ED.

- Neighboring municipalities, or States, may have completely contradictory laws on the 'Sunday laws'. This is upheld on so-called 'State's rights'. Yet in fields of Human Ri such as education - lunch counters -etc., so-called 'State's rights' are outlawed. It wo seem that a universal basis of 'rights' has yet to be arrived at by either the courts o legislatures. - ED.

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FEUD CONTINUES IN UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH. Some 240 worshippers to Ukrainian Autocephalic Orthodox Church of St. Vladimir, 334 E. 14th St. - N.Y.City, recen obtained an injunction barring the sale of that property to a Conservative Synagogue. To th surprise, the people next found themselves barred from entry to the church property. Re ing to the challenge, they once again hurried to court to ask for an injunction forbidding trustees, officers, and clergy from denying them access to their place of worship. The he is scheduled for May 12th, before Justice Hecht,Jr., who granted them a temporary 'stay' u that date.

The continuing struggle,between two factions in this Church, has been going on for a perio years. Archbishop Mstyslaw Skrypnyk and Rev.Leo Wesolowsky heading the defending pa and John Horodeckyi heading the plaintiff membership group. In December, 1958, the New Supreme Court ordered the defending group to hold annual meetings and maintain open ac by all members to the church property. The defendants had appealed this decision, but wi summarily dismissed by the Appelate Division of that Court. The present action is mere another in a series of actions, hinging on the same point of 'control of property'.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE REJECTS CLEMENCY FOR UPHAUS. Superior Court Judge G. Jr., rejected a clemency plea for Dr. Willard Uphaus, 69-year old Christian pacifist who gave a year's jail term last December for contempt of court.

Dr. Uphaus is a prominent Methodist layman of New Haven,Conn., who was confined afte refusing to surrender names of 600 persons who attended the World Fellowship summer at Conway, N.H., of which he is executive director. The names were demanded by the at general in a 'McCarthy-like' subversive activities investigation.

In a plea made to the Governor of New Hampshire, Wesley Powell, by a group of visiting and laymen,for clemency for the aged prisoner, the Governor said brutally that he would 'pardon or condone the contempt' of Dr. Uphaus. (*The prisoner is confined to a cell, w 'exercise area' of 1x60 foot. - ED.)

In an editorial on the case of the 69-year old Uphaus, the New York Times said there 'i evidence' of any illegal activities. 'Yet Dr.Uphaus remains legally in jail, under surpri

re conditions of imprisonment, the most notable, but unfortunately not the only, First mdment case that ought to be bothering the American conscience'.

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ISTER AGAIN REFUSES TO PAY TAXES. The Reverend Maurice F.McCrackin, or of West Cincinnati-Saint Barnabas (Cincinnati,O.) Church, has served notice that he will not pay 80% of his income taxes; he declares that this percent of all tax money is for activities connected with war preparation.

year, the 54-year old Presbyterian minister completed a six-month sentence for income evasion at the Allenwood,Pa. federal prison. Mr. McCrackin has refused to pay part of his ral income tax for the last 12 years.

Evidence,of other similar refusals, by ministers to pay taxes are apparent. Lawrence Scott, who coordinated the 'Voyage of the Golden Rule' against nuclear testing in the Pacific and who has served as project director of the 'Vigil at Fort Detrick'(U.S. testing center for germ warfare), has also filed notice of refusal to pay taxes, which are being used for 'preparations for mass annihilation of mankind.' - ED.

In another case, presently on trial in N.Y., Rev. A.J.Muste told U.S. Tax Court Judge C.S.Atkins that he was 'unable to hand over money to the government to be used in one way or another for war or preparation for war'. Mr.Muste, 75, owes taxes from 1948-52 in the amount of $2300. He further explained that he 'would be committing treason against his country, Christ and his religious principles if he paid taxes'.

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EIST TAKES CASE ON 'NOTARY OATH' TO APPEALS COURT. A man,who ed to take an oath declaring his belief in a Deity, told the Maryland Court of Appeals that right to disbelieve' was violated by the state when it denied him a notary public commission.

R.Torcaso of Bethesda,Md., argued that the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of religious freeincludes the freedom to disbelieve as well as to believe.

ttorneys took the case to Maryland's highest court after a circuit judge upheld the state ney general in refusing Mr. Torcaso the commission. Their claim: the concept of Church tate separation 'imposes upon federal and state governments a mandate of neutrality not ly as among competing faiths but between belief and non-belief.'

tate argues, in return, that 'religious rights are subject to reasonable restrictions to uard the public interest'.

Maryland is predominantly a Roman Catholic State. One wonders whether the attorney eneral means in his argument that 'religious rights are subject to (Roman Catholic) easonable' safeguards'. Let us hope that 'safeguards' do not include such measures as re presently employed in South America and Spain against Protestants and Jews.-ED.

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IAN GOES TO PROTESTANT UNCLE; MUST BE REARED AS CATHOLIC. dy of a seven-year old boyd, orphaned by an auto-truck accident that claimed the lives of rents, sister and two cousins, has been awarded to a Protestant uncle and aunt, with the 'proviso' that he must be raised as a Roman Catholic.

ecision in the case of Andrew Paul Yudiski was made by Judge John J.Aponick of Luzerne y Common Pleas Court. He is a Catholic judge. The judge found that the boy had a strong g for Mr. & Mrs. Paul Schultz (Mrs. Schultz is a sister of the boy's mother, who had been testant before her marriage). For this reason, he awarded the boy to the Schultzes.

dge ruled, however, that within 30 days, the Schultzes must consult the rector of the

nearest Roman Catholic Church on Andrew's religious education.

- Thousands of Protestant orphans are taken by Catholic Homes and 'turned into' Cathc Apparently, such 'conversions' of youth are on a 'one-way street'. - ED.

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RELIGIOUS FARMING OPERATIONS ARE TAXABLE. A religious communal colony Montana must pay a tax on its farming operations, the Montana Supreme Court ruled in H by a 3-2 decision.

Associate Justice Angstman said, in the majority opinion: 'It is quite plain that the activi the King Colony Ranch in carrying on farming and agricultural pursuits are purely comm It is merely a means of acquiring a livelihood for the members of the colony and of accur ing money for expansion purposes'. Thereupon, he ordered the State to collect some $5 from the corporation, which follows the teachings of John Huss and of the Hutterische Chu Society.

- Huss, also known as Jan Hus, was the Czech martyr, who was granted amnesty by the Roman Catholic Church and then seized, condemned by the Council of Constance, and burned alive at a stake on July 6th, 1415 for his reform preachings that he delivered i Prague. - ED.

- A N.Y. State Court held that a farm operated by a religious organization was not enti to exemption from property tax merely because the group shipped a substantial porti of the farm produce to members of the sect working at a printing plant at another lo That food, the court held, could not be regarded as necessary to carry out the religi purpose for which the property was granted exemption, and thus the entire tract was able. - ED.

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AMISH VICTORIOUS IN SCHOOL BATTLE. Prosecution of 11 Amish fathers for ref to send their children to a new junior-senior high school in Berks County, Pa., which the to be 'too worldly', will cease, pending working out of an agreement, by which they will b ed to improve the curriculum of their two room country school over a 3 to 5 year proces

The 11 fathers had all been fined twice and some had spent time in jail. Further persecut the State hung over their heads, until Attorney General, Miss A.X.Alpern, realized a fair approach to the problem was necessary. (*Catholics, and other bodies as well, are all a parochial schools - such discrimination by the State was un-American)

The new requirements, that the Amish will accept, include increasing classes to $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours a five day school week, with a minimum of 180 days study a year; an increased reading a writing curriculum, with more art and science courses added to the schedule; acquisitio standard works of reference, e.g.-dictionaries, encyclopedias; special instruction cours the fields of health and fire prevention; improved teacher education requirements.

The agreement affects only 7th & 8th grade Amish children, inasmuch as the younger ch already attend public elementary schools near their homes. The Amish desire to keep th children close to land and home during the 'formative years' that embrace the 7th & 8th age groups. The Amish, being dedicated to plain living and an agricultural life, base the of life on 'example and experience as the best teachers'.

- After seeing the examples set by many 'public officials', who profess to be 'Christi whilst stealing and robbing the treasuries, one wonders if they shouldn't be sent to A farming communities for better schooling. - ED.

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IAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL LITIGATION REACHES U.S. SUPREME COURT. bishop Boris, head of the Patriarchal Russian Orthodox Church in the U.S., has appealed e U.S.Supreme Court to overrule a lower court decision and give him control of the Russ- rthodox Cathedral of St.Nicholas in New York.

is the third time that the high court has been asked to rule on the issue, which has been gation for 36 years. The litigants have been the government church of Russia and the endent Russian Orthodox Church of North America. The latter group was a schismatic that severed relations with its parent body after the Russian Revolution; it is composed bulk of the parishes of the original Patriarchal Church in this country. St.Nicholas dral has always remained as the seat of the continuing government church's jurisdiction U.S. and, as such, has been the bone of contention.

62, the Supreme Court ruled 8 to 1 that the state law of N.Y., with respect to church prop- which New York enacted in 1945 to give the American Church control of the cathedral, unconstitutional as a restraint on the free exercise of religion. The Court also ordered ase back to the N.Y.State Courts for action 'not inconsistent' with its opinion.

New York Court of Appeals, whose decision had thus been overthrown, ordered a new trial the ancient principles of common law. The patriarchal church objected to this and asked .S.Supreme Court to compel the N.Y.Courts to rule in their favor. This the Supreme Court ed to do by a 7 to 2 decision.

trial was then held, with the Patriarchal Church winning in the trial court. The Court of als, however, reversed the ruling in favor of the American Church by a 4 to 3 decision. In decision, Chief Judge Conway held that the Patriarchal Church was merely an arm of the an government and this was an abridgement of the purpose for which the Cathedral was nally established.

The Cathedral was actually built by the Czar, with official Russian government money. The Russian Orthodox Church has always been an 'arm' of that government, even under the Czars, especially since the time of Peter the Great. In the Roman Catholic Church, one also finds local cathedrals being mere 'arms' of the Vatican State. The Church of England, too, has served the Crown on many occasions as an 'arm'. It is apparent that the Court did not look deep enough to the main issues involved; it will be up to the U.S.Supreme Court to clarify, once again, what is here at stake. - ED.

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SH CHURCH RULED 'EXTINCT' BY DIOCESE. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, klyn, N.Y., center of a congregational dispute for ten years over the ministry of the Rev. m Howard Melish, its ousted supply pastor, has been declared 'extinct' by the denomina- Long Island Diocese.

600 clergy and lay delegates to the diocese's 93rd annual convention took the action mously, after hearing a petition from the church's legally-installed rector, Dr.Herman ner. He told the convention that Holy Trinity had been closed for over two years and no has 25 members attending or a sufficient number of male parishioners, who can serve rdens or vestrymen. (*The petition was based on Episcopal Canon Law, which declares urch 'failing to hold services for two years or to make a parochial report for two years be declared extinct'.-ED.)

his parish controversy at Holy Trinity goes back to 1949, when Dr.John Howard Melish, ther of Rev.Melish, was removed as rector, because he supported the so-called 'leftist' ctivities of his son, who at that time was his assistant. Mr.Melish(junior) then served ne parish until his legal removal by the N.Y.Courts in 1957. Dr.Melish(senior),however, ill continue to live at the church's rectory and receive a $7,694 annual pension. He is 5 years of age. The Courts ordered the Diocese to allow him to remain. - ED.

DOMESTIC !

PROTESTANT URGES 'PRIVATE CONFESSION' FOR PEOPLE. Dr.John S. Bonne pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, N.Y.City, suggested that Protestants be give the opportunity of a private confession to their minister as a mark of 'a spiritual advanc Protestantism'.

Confession, he said, should not be regarded as necessarily habitual or compulsory, but t 'Thousands of our people who need and desire it' should be given a chance to confess the sins. He observed that leaders of the Reformation, including Luther - Calvin - Knox, beli that confession, private or public, had value.

'Our failure to follow the lead of the Reformers has compelled psychiatrists, psychologi and others to 'don the clerical collar' and do the listening to people's moral and spiritua problems, which properly belong to the clergy', said Dr. Bonnell.

- The Sacrament of Penance or Confession was instituted by Christ, who said to His d ples: 'Receive ye the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven, a whose sins you shall retain, they are retained' (S.John 20:21-22). In Eastern Orthodo there are three basic elements of the Sacrament: i.Penitence, or grieving in the he the individual, which, in turn, leads to sincere sorrow and contrition for acts comm ii.Such true internal penitance produces a desire for confession; this becomes the p of the sincere contrition. iii.After confession is completed, the Prayer of Forgive or Absolution, is read over the confessing penitent.

- Roman Catholic 'absolution' differs profoundly from that of Eastern Orthodoxy; the Roman priest uses the formula: 'I absolve thee...' The Orthodox priest never pre to be God, but, instead, says: 'Forgive and absolve, O Lord, this Thy servant, thru One other apparent difference between these two historic bodies is that Romanism c a detailed description of all sins committed; Eastern Orthodoxy does not require t elements demanded by Orthodoxy are: a contrite spirit, a sincere grief and realiza the errors done, and a desire to make amends. Above all, we must remember that God's pardon that is sought and the priest is only a channel for that flow of Grace.-

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THIRD 'WEEPING' ICONS APPEARS. As reported in AREO last month, two icons, shed tears, were enshrined in the Greek Orthodox Church in Hempstead, L.I.,N.Y. Ear month, a third icon of the Virgin was found to be 'tearing', also. This third icon was in home of Mrs.Peter Koulis, who was the original owner of the second such 'tearing' icon

On May 1st, Mrs. Koulis had received an icon from Bishop Athenagoras of Boston as a replace the one she had turned over to the church. For several days nothing of significa took place; then, on the sixth of May she dreamed that the icon was 'weeping'. Arising f her bed, Mrs. Koulis went to the icon and found that it was now 'weeping'. She phoned F Papadeas of St.Paul Greek Orthodox Church, Hempstead, L.I., N.Y. and he came and to to the church to join the other two icons, already there. News of the third icon spread and on Sunday, over 8,000 persons filed before the three enshrined icons to observe, fir the amazing 'tearings'.

- Well over 100,000 persons have visited the icons since the first one was enshrined, last of March. An estimated 3,000 to 5,000 people are now coming daily, with as n

0,000 over a weekend.

rchbishop Iakovos, who just returned from the pilgrimage to Istanbul and Greece, said hat a statement from the Ecumenical Patriarchate, regarding the phenomena, is expected oon. He brought with him, from the Ecumenical Patriarchate, a symbolic torch, containing he Holy Light, which is lit by the Ecumenical Patriarch in Istanbul on Easter Eve,during he Resurrection Liturgy. The Light will be kept in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity,N.Y., ltho it will eventually be displayed in all 378 Greek Orthodox churches in North and South merica.

Roman Catholic Redemptorist Father, Rev.F.J.Andres, declared that he has personally onfirmed the above phenomena and said: 'You can't deny the physical evidence that drop-ets resembling tears are coming from the icon. The interpretation is another thing, how-ver.'

he three icons are of both Western and Eastern traditions. The first icon is of Western radition and is called by Rome the 'Mother of Sorrows'; the second icon is that of the Virgin of the Gate,' a famed icon from Mt. Athos; the third icon is that of the 'Mother of Mercy', also called in Rome the 'Lady of Perpetual Help'. The third icon's original opy is in Rome, where, as Father Andres(Redemptorist priest) says: 'it was originally n icon of the Eastern Church...but was appropriated(stolen) by the Western Church'.-ED.

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CARPATHO-RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH DEDICATED IN SCRANTON,PA. holas Orthodox Church of Scranton, Penna., was dedicated May 15th, 1960 by the Most end Bishop Orestes P. Chornock, of the Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church.

was once an exclusive private estate in Scranton's residential section has been trans-d at a cost of over $100,000 into an exclusive house of worship. This is St. Nicholas tho-Russian Church at the corner of Jefferson and Vine. The project involved the con-ion of a new choir loft, new floors, new altar area, new entry, and lighting and heating ms. In addition, the roof and towers were completely rebuilt and stained glass windows led thruout.

holas Community was organized some 22 years ago, during the period of violent church with Rome. The people wished to have the Faith of their Fathers; Rome said no. The , however, formed their own Community and obtained a private estate; over the years rish has grown. A few years ago, a $35,000 rectory was built; now, today, the church blished in the reconstructed estate at the cost mentioned above($100,000). The latter vement has been done under the inspiring leadership of the present pastor of the Com-, Father John Dolhy, son of one of the pioneer priests of the Diocese, Father Ireneas

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FAITHS' FESTIVAL OF CHORAL MUSIC HELD IN ALTOONA, PENNA. The val of Choral Music' of All Faiths, sponsored by S.S.Peter and Paul and S.Mary's dox Churches, was held May 15th in the Jaffa Mosque, Altoona,Penna.

al Chairman, Father Ivan A. Ladizinsky, said 'it is up to all of us to lay aside our ded prejudices and make the most of this wonderful country. This country that has been y many people, many creeds, nationalities and races in such a way that it can never be d and can never be conquered...but will always remain the United States....One Nation, God, Indivisible....with Liberty and Justice for all.'

complish the sentiments of Father Ladizinsky, who is pastor of the S.S.Peter & Paul Mary's Russian Orthodox Church in Altoona, the 'All Faiths Festival of Choral Music' rganized to prove that all Faiths can work together in many and diverse ways. Cooper-n the actual program were: three Eastern Orthodox Choir groups, an Episcopal Choir, mple Beth Israel Choir, the Fairview Methodist Orchestra and Choir, the African

Methodist Episopal Choir and the Trinity Lutheran Choir.

In letters, addressed to Father Ladizinsky, Governor David L. Lawrence, of Pennsylvania said that 'Music transcends national borders and ideologic beliefs....this is brotherhood harmony. I congratulate you....on the impressive program...'. In another communicati U.S.Senator Hubert Humphrey, Minn., extended his 'greetings...to the Festival....a wonde symbol of the brotherhood of all peoples under God. Your concert shows that America is indeed the land where all citizens can join together to work for peace, freedom and huma dignity.'

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RUSSIAN EMBASSY RELEASES MOSCOW CHURCH FILM. After five months of n tiations, the Soviet Embassy in Washington D.C. released nearly four-fifths of the 10,000 of film showing the worship life in Moscow's Baptist church. The film had been made by Southern Baptist Convention's Radio-TV Commission and the National Broadcasting Com for a 30 minute nationwide TV showing in the U.S.

The $40,000 production was filmed last Fall and now may be shown on TV as early as th June. However, only 8,000 feet of the original 10,000 feet were turned over to the produce It must also be noted that Russian equipment and personnel were used in the filming. T producers said they hope that the TV film will be a testimony, to Americans, of the 'loya and devotion of these people to Christ', whom, they added, are as 'radiant a type of Chris as seldom seen in our country'.

- Few Americans know much about the origin of the early Christian Church in Russia. while this film shows the Baptists at worship, it is of equal import that the facts of 'coming' and growth of Christendom to Russia be set forth. To this end, a short, bu effective presentation of 'How the Church Came to Russia' is available from AREO small cost. (See back cover - ED).

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GROUND-BREAKING FOR NEW ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH HELD. The shovel of earth was turned at the site of a new St.Dimitri Romanian Orthodox Church, i Bridgeport, Conn., on Sunday, April 24th, 1960, as a large gathering of members and fri looked on.

The $350,000 edifice and hall will replace the one which was destroyed by fire in 1958. building fund has some $230,000 on hand, or in pledges; this leaves about $120,000 still be raised towards the total, anticipated cost.

The ground-breaking ceremony was followed by the Divine Liturgy, held in the basement the old church. First earth was turned by the honorary chairman of the building commit Theodore Tonna; second shovelful was turned by Mayor Samuel Tedesco. The ceremon included burial of a six-foot wooden cross at the location of the future altar. Assisting t pastor, Rev.John Shunda, were the former pastor, Rev.Hrista Vasilescu, and clergy fro several of the other churches of the area.

At the banquet, following the ceremonies, some 425 persons crowded into the Ritz ballr to participate in the general happiness of the occasion.

A Russian officer, a Romanian, an old lady, and an attractive girl were seated in a com on the Orient Express when the train entered a dark tunnel somewhere behind the Iron C A sound of a kiss was heard, then the sound of a loud slap.

Old lady(to herself):- 'What a nice girl; such high morals.'
Attractive girl(to herself):- 'Odd that the Russian should kiss the old lady and not
Russian(to himself):- 'Smart fellow, that Romanian. He steals a kiss and I get sla
Romanian(laughing to himself):- 'Not bad. I kiss the back of my hand, hit a Russi officer, and get away with it.'

CNSION: After His Resurrection, Jesus remained on earth for forty days, appearing, from
-to-time, to His Apostles and Disciples in various places. He ate, drank and conversed with
, thus verifying and assuring His Resurrection as being a reality. On the fortieth day after
assover (Easter), He appeared in Jerusalem and gave His last commandment to His Apos-
Go forth and preach to all nations. He also directed them to remain in Jerusalem until
ay that they would be clothed with power from on high, by the descent of the Holy Spirit.
g said this, He led them to the Mount of Olives, lifted up His hands and blessed them; then
as parted from them and Ascended into heaven. Following His Ascension, two angels, in
ant white robes, appeared in the form of men and said: 'Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye
g up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall come in
manner, as ye have seen him go into heaven.(see S. Luke 24:46-52 & Acts 1:1-12)

Burden

There is a burden
a Christian bears
a free will trial
to win with love -
We know that road
is red with blood

By Martyred Ones shed, now above.
All Followers must bear that load
our Blessed Saviour did that day,
that retribution for Adam's Fall,
heavy the Cross and steep the Way
each one to climb lest spirit lag
though faint the body and it sag.

Even now, as upon
that fateful day,
it from your grip
the load may fall,
someone may stand
beside that Road,
to aid you upward
and carry it all.
A Christian helps
in His Dear Name,
another's burdens
on earth to bear.
To trample under,
all death and sin
and upward raises
from all despair.

For Calvary's trial leads upward, to the Resurrection
Until one day, Eternal Life, that glorious Ascension.

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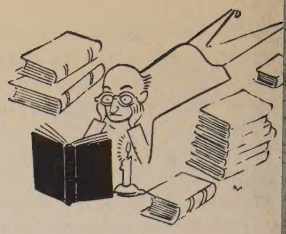

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